

July 12, 2007

Dawn Philibert
VT Futures Project
Department of Mental Health
108 Cherry St.
Burlington, VT 05402-0070

Dear Dawn:

I am writing on behalf of the Counseling Service of Addison County to express our intent to submit a proposal for a crisis bed program. This program would help to address what has been a longstanding priority of our program and stakeholders. This gap in our local system of care is one that has repeatedly left consumers in our region with some very limited and problematic choices when faced with the need to be in a safe and supported setting in order to cope with a psychiatric crisis.

We will be submitting either a revised version of our previous proposal for a two bed program co-located with other residential services or a new one bed proposal. We are currently estimating the maximum cost of our proposal will be \$380,000 annualized for the two bed scenario.

We appreciate the opportunity to bring forward a proposal for this much needed service.

Sincerely,

Alexander Smith
Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Program Director